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In response to the current Office Action, please consider the following remarks. Claims 1-20 have been cancelled. New claims 21-32 have been added. Thus, claims 21-32 are currently pending in this Application.

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1-20 as statutory or obvious type double patenting in view of Application Nos. 08/798,704, 08/799,787, 08/808,882, and 08/810,620. Applicant has cancelled the provisionally rejected claims and added new claims 21-32. Applicant respectfully submits that the statutory and obvious type double patenting provisional rejections are now moot. Applicant also submits that claims 1 and 21-40 are patentably distinguishable from the prior art cited by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 21-32 are in condition for allowance and requests a Notice of Allowance.

Applicant has amended the claims in order to expedite prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to claims of the originally presented scope and variants thereof in continuing applications.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution
of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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